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**SUEZ BACKGROUND: ANNEX A--EGYPTIAN MILITARY DISPOSITIONS**

- I. Ground Forces:** Estimated strength of the Egyptian Army (including the National Guard) is 108,500. This force is deployed in three principal areas, as follows:

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Canal Zone -- 15,000

Nile Delta Area -- 56,100

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- B. The substantial withdrawals from Sinai in the past few weeks include 1 infantry and most of 1 armored division.
- C. A selective inventory of Egyptian armament shows the following:

| TANKS            | MISC ARMORED<br>VEHICLES | ARTILLERY<br>FIELD |        | ARTILLERY<br>A/T |
|------------------|--------------------------|--------------------|--------|------------------|
| L. M. H.         | 650                      | SP 75mm-           | 100mm- | SP 57mm-         |
|                  |                          | 100mm              | 155mm  | 151 75mm         |
| 40 259 82        |                          | 11 124             | 50     | 249              |
| ARTILLERY<br>A/A |                          | ARTILLERY MISC     |        |                  |
| 20mm- 75mm-      |                          | Rocket-Launchers,  |        | Mortars          |
| 40mm 130mm       |                          | recoilless         |        | 81mm-120mm       |
| 470 36           |                          | 1,200              |        | 288              |

- II. Naval Forces:** Principal concentrations are in three areas:

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4 destroyers

**PORT SAID:**

2 patrol escorts

**RED SEA:**

1 patrol escort

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|                        |                       |                       |
|------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| 4 patrol escorts       | 7 motor torpedo boats | 6 motor torpedo boats |
| 6 fleet minesweepers   |                       |                       |
| 7 coastal minesweepers |                       |                       |
| 8 motor torpedo boats  |                       |                       |

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- B. Present estimated deployment of the EAF, other than 19 Il-28s at Luxor, is in two main areas;

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 8 piston recon.  
 C/West--17 Vampire Jet fighters  
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 6 piston m. bombers  
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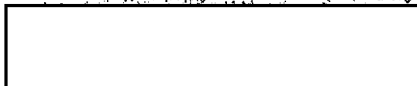
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